(c) The following measures have been taken to reduce incidence of thefts of cable/PCM equipment:

(i) Intensive patrolling of important cable routes.

(ii) Close co-ordination with the Police Authorities.

(iii) Double locking of manhole covers of external chain and lock arrangement for PCM cabinets.

(iv) Burying of cables in concrete in open culverts.

(v) Installation of Alarm Circuits for cables on vulnerable routes.

Statement

S. No.	Name of City	Year	Item	Cost (Rs.)
1.	Delhi	1990-91	Cable	15,21,304
		1991-92	Cable	13,40,722
		1992-93	Cable	13,18,427
2.	Bombay	1990-91	Cable	97,807
		1991-92	Cable	5,92,170
		1992-93	Cable	4,16,152
3.	Calcutta	1990-91	U/G Cable SWB Cables	4,12,725
		1991-92	Do.	4,16,923
		1992-93	Do.	92,402
4.	Madras	1990-91	U/G Cable.	29,000
		1991-92	Do.	1,84,000
		1992-93	Do.	39,000

Family Pension cases under the jurisdiction of Post Master General West Bengal

* 2536. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of family pension of the erstwhile employees of postal department within the jurisdiction of PMG, West Bengal have been awaiting sanction and settlement for a long time;

(b) wnether Government would direct the department now to expedite the cases of family pension/widow pension;

(c) whether any separate department has been created to look after the settlement of such cases in the PMG's office;

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(e) the details of cases settled during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. By and large this is not

the case. A recent review conducted in the matter had shown that some of the cases could not be settled earlier due to certain special feature.

(b) There are standing orders of the Government to monitor the progress of family pension cases for their expeditious settlement. The position is monitered regularly.

(c) and (d) Pension Branch under the direct supervision of a Gazetted Officer is already functioning in the office of the Postmaster General, West Bengal Circle to look after family pension cases.

(e) Details of cases settled during the last 6 months are furnished in the Statement.

Statement

Statement showing details of cases settled during last six months.

Sl. No.	Name of the official	Settled on
1.	Family Pension case of late Shri T. R. Sharma, PA, Gangtok	15-1-93
2.	Family Pension case of late Shri Atul Chowdhary, P.A. Midnapore Dn.	28-1-93
3.	Family Pension case of late Shri Ram Krishna Balmiki, Gr. 'D' Foreign Post, Calcutta	19-2-93
4.	Family Pension case of late Shri Amarendra Nat Ghosh, LSG, Calcutta, GPO.	4-3-93
5.	Family Pension case of late Shri Mukunda Charan, Postman, Cooch-behar Dn.	22-3-93
6.	Family Pension case of late Shri Muneswar, LSG, Coochbehar Dn.	29-3-93
7.	Family Pension case of late Shri Lalith Kumar Roy, Postman, Coochbehar Dn.	12-4-93
8.	Family Pension case of late Shri Agniswar Barman, Gr. 'D', Coochbehar Dn.	12-4-93
9.	Family Pension case of late Shri Haripada Banerjee, Jalpaiguri Dn.	13-4-93
10.	Family Pension case of late Shri Kali Pada Mondal, Gr. 'D', Calcutta, GPO	June, 93
11.	Family Pension case of late Shri Umadas Banerjee, Gr. 'D', Calcutta, GPO	June, 93

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2537. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) when the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. was introduced in Bombay and Delhi and how many times did each Nigam bring out their Telephone Directory so far;

(b) state the year of publication of the direct supervision of a Gazetted

(c) by when will the next issue of telephone directory be published by each Nigam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) MTNL was formed on 1-4-86. Details of the years during which telephone directories were publisned are given in the Statement (*See* below) which is placed on the Table of the House.